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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-1949, for the month of March, 1950, and the nine months ended March, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness or less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The numbers of new Australians receiving special benefit have now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, & iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY.

(i) Benefits Paid: Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in March, 1950 and the nine months ended March, 1950 are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH, 1950, AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 - STATES.

(£.)

State	Benefits paid during March, 1950				Benefits paid during the nine months ended March, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W. (b)	cr. 5,039	28,951	14,771	38,683	1,063,170	229,499	140,480	1,433,149
Victoria	270	20,269	8,894	29,433	5,210	166,184	111,355	282,749
Queensland	11,448	12,845	1,236	25,529	117,364	83,513	7,913	208,790
S. Aust.(c)	60	8,388	513	8,961	33,053	63,210	13,683	109,946
W. Aust.	350	5,760	10,077	16,187	16,915	44,287	51,029	112,231
Tasmania	200	3,597	350	4,147	1,695	28,802	3,340	33,837
TOTAL:	7,289	79,810	35,841	122,940	1,237,407	615,495	327,800	2,180,702

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued: The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during nine months ended March, 1950.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims Admitted - Nine months ended March, 1950				Benefits Discontinued - Nine months ended March, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	127,074	17,805	2,212	147,091	126,977	17,518	2,163	146,658
Victoria	765	11,058	561	12,384	679	9,514	410	10,603
Queensland	18,748	7,399	526	26,673	17,747	7,327	474	25,548
S. Aust. (b)	6,497	4,756	377	11,630	6,486	4,638	357	11,481
W. Aust.	5,819	4,064	171	10,054	5,769	4,095	167	10,031
Tasmania	123	2,205	96	2,424	129	2,190	100	2,419
TOTAL:	159,026	47,287	3,943	210,256	157,787	45,282	3,671	206,740

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months March, 1949 to March, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -
AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u>									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	1,527	650	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,654	83,406
1949 March	1,157	49	4,040	1,176	116	55	5,313	1,280	6,593
April	1,020	63	4,598	1,297	120	57	5,738	1,417	7,155
May	513	40	4,086	1,165	129	66	4,728	1,271	5,999
June	500	61	4,062	1,094	125	50	4,687	1,205	5,892
July	112,746	28,415	5,351	1,505	1,783	357	119,880	30,277	150,157
Aug.	10,206	1,595	4,046	1,228	274	84	14,526	2,907	17,433
Sept.	651	92	4,185	1,287	159	73	4,995	1,452	6,447
Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	198	85	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,832	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec.	611	75	3,328	974	114	47	4,053	1,096	5,149
1950 Jan. (a)	1,523	61	4,183	1,213	180	70	5,886	1,344	7,230
Feb. (a)	981	65	3,409	1,023	124	61	4,514	1,149	5,663
March(a)	819	72	2,773	821	96	35	3,688	928	4,616

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	1,503	497	86,826	17,235	104,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949 March	1,137	55	3,941	1,108	108	51	5,186	1,214	6,400
April	1,570	57	4,731	1,373	118	38	6,419	1,468	7,887
May	1,236	42	3,619	1,074	120	30	4,975	1,146	6,121
June	568	38	3,374	982	103	43	4,045	1,063	5,108
July	30,600	10,210	5,542	1,608	491	167	36,633	11,985	48,618
Aug.	88,740	19,115	3,904	1,107	1,413	196	94,057	20,418	114,475
Sept.	3,918	629	3,946	1,120	216	69	8,080	1,818	9,898
Oct.	835	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec.	352	72	3,287	990	127	56	3,766	1,118	4,884
1950 Jan. (a)	1,091	87	3,898	1,141	128	74	5,117	1,302	6,419
Feb. (a)	780	51	3,121	857	112	47	4,013	955	4,968
March(a)	582	42	2,613	816	104	42	3,299	900	4,199

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 - June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949 - March	2,375	90	8,133	2,718	282	527	10,790	3,335	14,125
April	1,825	96	8,000	2,642	284	546	10,109	3,284	13,393
May	1,102	94	8,467	2,733	293	582	9,862	3,409	13,271
June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
July	23,180	18,322	8,964	2,742	1,607	779	93,751	21,843	115,594
Aug.	4,646	802	9,106	2,863	468	667	14,220	4,332	18,552
Sept.	1,379	265	9,345	3,030	411	671	11,135	3,966	15,101
Oct.	1,069	210	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec.	1,300	202	9,768	3,261	391	726	11,459	4,189	15,648
1950 - Jan. (a)	1,732	176	10,053	3,333	443	722	12,228	4,231	16,459
Feb. (a)	1,933	190	10,341	3,499	455	736	12,729	4,425	17,154
March(a)	2,170	220	10,501	3,504	447	729	13,118	4,453	17,571

(a) Subject to revision.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during March, 1950, and the nine months ended March, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	March, 1950				Nine months ended March, 1950			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	127	300	4	431	11,839	2,642	165	14,646
1 and under 2	165	608	19	792	19,294	5,870	324	25,488
2 " " 3	90	583	23	696	15,656	5,699	390	21,745
3 " " 4	91	557	17	665	18,075	5,233	395	23,703
4 " " 5	72	411	18	501	18,590	3,969	384	22,943
5 " " 9	176	1,114	54	1,344	71,936	9,963	1,341	83,240
9 " " 13	58	483	19	560	1,578	4,712	209	6,499
13 " " 27	46	628	30	704	647	5,203	293	6,143
27 and over	11	255	32	298	172	1,991	170	2,333
<u>TOTAL:</u>	836	4,939	216	5,991	157,787	45,282	3,671	206,740

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during March, 1950, and the nine months ended March, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950. PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.
(Per Cent.)

Duration of Benefits	March, 1950				Nine Months ended March, 1950			
	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	1.32	5.16	14.81	4.97	0.11	4.40	4.63	1.13
13 " "	6.82	17.88	28.70	16.72	0.52	15.89	12.61	4.10
9 " "	13.76	27.66	37.50	26.07	1.52	26.29	18.30	7.24
5 " "	34.81	50.21	62.50	48.51	47.11	48.29	54.83	47.50
4 " "	43.42	58.53	70.83	56.87	58.89	57.06	65.29	58.60
3 " "	54.31	69.81	78.70	67.97	70.35	68.62	76.05	70.07
2 " "	65.07	81.62	89.35	79.59	80.27	81.20	86.68	80.59
1 " "	84.81	93.93	98.15	92.81	92.50	94.16	95.51	92.92
Less than 1	15.19	6.07	1.85	7.19	7.50	5.84	4.49	7.08

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during March, 1950, and the nine months ended March, 1950 are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION - BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	March, 1950				Nine Months ended March, 1950			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	461	55.15	2,790	56.49	128,611	81.51	26,416	58.32
Incapacity Terminated	16	1.91	1,633	33.06	182	0.11	13,761	30.40
Failure to report (a)	290	34.70	33	0.68	27,336	17.32	441	0.97
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	28	3.35	27	0.54	849	0.54	624	1.38
Statutory Age Limit (b)	2	0.24	12	0.24	47	0.03	112	0.25
Permanent incapacity (c)	9	1.07	195	3.95	105	0.07	1,801	3.98
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	1	0.12	6	0.12	9	0.00	51	0.11
Death	2	0.24	83	1.68	31	0.02	751	1.66
Transfer to another district	14	1.67	69	1.40	315	0.20	612	1.35
Other	13	1.55	91	1.84	302	0.20	713	1.58
<u>TOTAL:</u>	836	100.00	4,939	100.00	157,787	100.00	45,282	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension.
(c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The Proportion of persons on benefit at 25th March, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 64 per 10,000 comprising 9 unemployment, 51 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950 PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	11	53	2	66
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	47	10	60
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	9	51	4	64

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 25th March, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	314	66	3,614	1,204	135	219	4,063	1,489	5,552
Victoria	110	27	3,615	1,373	159	249	3,884	1,649	5,533
Queensland	1,552	97	1,378	366	82	112	3,012	575	3,587
S. Aust.(b)	37	4	850	232	35	36	922	322	1,244
W. Aust.	137	20	676	181	27	53	840	254	1,094
Tasmania	20	6	368	98	9	60	397	164	561
TOTAL:	2,170	220	10,501	3,504	447	729	13,118	4,453	17,571

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 25th March, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1949)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 Years	96	50	769	797	25	49	890	896	1,786
20 - 24 "	244	65	1,318	808	4	47	1,566	920	2,486
25 - 29 "	249	27	1,021	371	9	56	1,279	454	1,733
30 - 34 "	211	18	936	258	5	48	1,152	324	1,476
35 - 39 "	206	11	930	247	14	80	1,150	338	1,488
40 - 44 "	212	15	924	252	1	94	1,137	361	1,498
45 - 49 "	231	14	1,099	316	8	143	1,338	473	1,811
50 - 54 "	215	14	1,079	262	7	77	1,301	353	1,654
55 - 59 "	238	6	1,188	180	6	76	1,432	262	1,694
60 years and over	268	-	1,237	13	368	59	1,873	72	1,945
TOTAL:	2,170	220	10,501	3,504	447	729	13,118	4,453	17,571

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit: The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months March, 1949 to March, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT
STATES.

Period	Persons						Australia		
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED</u>									
Year 1945-46	48,789	2,695	10,954	10,956	4,037	313	65,455	12,289	77,744
1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199	78,578
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,275	1,387	28,662
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,459	667	12,126
1949, March	118	14	1,012	4	50	8	1,157	49	1,206
April	153	17	820	22	62	9	1,020	63	1,083
May	86	16	401	4	40	6	513	40	553
June	105	28	322	25	64	17	500	61	561
July	116,343	198	13,416	5,864	5,310	30	112,746	28,415	141,161
August	9,565	232	1,363	503	113	25	10,206	1,595	11,801
September	324	74	237	20	70	18	651	92	743
October	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105	630
November	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64	484
December	172	36	420	12	42	4	611	75	686
1950, January (c)	184	103	1,151	59	76	11	1,523	61	1,584
February (c)	108	20	851	8	48	11	981	65	1,046
March (c)	90	16	738	4	39	4	819	72	891

DISCONTINUANCES

Year 1945-46	47,491	2,116	7,643	10,630	2,761	230	58,879	11,992	70,871
1946-47	12,602	16,099	36,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269	79,243
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494	33,032
1948-49	2,313	303	8,980	114	989	114	12,143	670	12,813
1949, March	102	11	1,000	2	64	13	1,137	55	1,192
April	153	12	1,370	13	74	5	1,570	57	1,627
May	95	9	1,123	10	36	5	1,236	42	1,278
June	44	10	483	7	48	14	568	38	606
July	24,540	86	7,406	3,698	5,059	21	30,600	10,210	40,810
August	97,842	221	7,168	2,366	229	29	88,740	19,115	107,855
September	3,405	123	575	313	113	18	3,918	629	4,547
October	453	82	330	18	97	15	835	160	995
November	157	44	247	8	53	14	448	75	523
December	147	30	188	9	44	6	352	72	424
1950, January (c)	214	69	726	62	94	13	1,091	87	1,178
February (c)	128	8	639	9	42	5	780	51	831
March (c)	91	16	468	3	38	8	582	42	624

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH

1946 - June	1,298	579	3,311	326	1,276	83	6,576	297	6,873
1947 - June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 - June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 - March	231	21	2,081	9	99	24	2,375	90	2,465
April	231	26	1,531	18	87	28	1,825	96	1,921
May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117	1,151
July	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	83,180	18,322	101,502
August	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	4,646	802	5,448
September	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,379	265	1,644
October	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,069	210	1,279
November	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,041	199	1,240
December	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,300	202	1,502
1950, January (c)	401	125	1,167	41	150	24	1,732	176	1,908
February (c)	381	137	1,379	40	156	30	1,933	190	2,123
March (c)	380	137	1,649	41	157	26	2,170	220	2,390

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.
(c) Subject to revision.

6. (ii) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1950 and the nine months ended March, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 25th March, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the persons being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	March, 1950		Nine Months ended Mar. 1950		25th March, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	4	-	97	2	6	-
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	18	7	375	68	45	17
Power rationing ..	47	11	118,556	29,404	165	34
Shortage of materials ..	40	2	1,653	172	81	6
Strikes and lockouts ..	1	-	53	1	6	-
Seasonal Work ..	278	4	1,813	21	855	8
Casual Work ..	128	10	1,510	99	276	19
Other, including inadequately defined	275	22	1,826	295	379	42
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	93	26	1,211	275	216	58
Other, including inadequately defined	67	13	928	164	115	25
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	11	-	384	17	15	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	-	-	36	1	1	1
Other ..	-	1	40	25	10	10
<u>TOTAL:</u>	962	96	128,482	30,544	2,170	220

(iii) Industrial Classification of - (a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit: The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1950 and the nine months ended March, 1950, and of those on benefit at 25th March, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during -				On Benefit	
	March, 1950		Nine months ended March, 1950		25th March, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	255	3	1,897	16	625	2
Other Primary Production ..	21	-	414	2	26	-
Coal Mining ..	4	-	199	-	10	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	10	-	980	5	15	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	52	3	50,470	3,893	154	1
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	6	-	6,639	198	25	-
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	9	12	9,120	15,398	32	27
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	150	8	6,463	2,341	443	22
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	62	-	7,257	411	73	1
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	37	4	21,250	3,215	92	7
Building and Construction ..	158	-	10,402	28	296	5
Transport and Communication ..	49	3	4,622	96	98	6
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	64	17	3,229	1,354	111	28
Finance and Property ..	2	1	141	19	7	1
Public Administration and Professional	42	7	725	234	62	12
Personal and Domestic Service ..	38	37	3,405	3,124	84	98
Other ..	3	1	1,269	210	17	10
<u>TOTAL:</u>	962	96	128,482	30,544	2,170	220

(b) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 25th March, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	41	7	566	2	7	2	625
Other Primary Production ..	3	1	20	-	2	-	26
Coal Mining ..	8	-	1	-	-	1	10
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	3	-	8	1	3	-	15
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	68	20	36	6	23	1	154
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	3	3	9	3	6	1	25
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	8	2	19	-	3	-	32
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	12	3	417	-	7	4	443
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	11	3	54	2	2	1	73
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	14	19	38	4	17	-	92
Building and Construction ..	58	25	182	7	22	2	296
Transport and Communication ..	19	11	51	6	9	2	98
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	22	2	71	2	13	1	111
Finance and Property ..	1	1	4	-	1	-	7
Public Administration and Professional	12	1	36	2	8	3	62
Personal and Domestic Service ..	24	10	34	2	13	1	84
Other ..	7	2	6	-	1	1	17
<u>TOTAL :</u>	314	110	1,552	37	137	20	2,170

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the nine months ended March, 1950, and the persons on benefit at 25th March, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (Based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims Admitted during the Nine Months ended March, 1950				On Benefit at 25th March, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	71,064	16,777	32,221	7,012	94	13	220	53
Victoria	160	26	467	112	45	8	65	19
Queensland	9,424	4,035	4,405	884	119	42	1,433	55
South Australia (c)	5,402	968	121	6	30	4	7	-
Western Australia	4,849	690	257	23	124	19	13	1
Tasmania	54	5	58	6	17	4	3	2
<u>TOTAL:</u>	90,953	22,501	37,529	8,043	429	90	1,741	130

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during March, 1950, and nine months ended March, 1950, and of those on benefit at 25th March, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING MARCH, 1950 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	March, 1950		Nine Months ended Mar.1950		25th March, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	220	81	2,375	800	695	286
Cancer ..	26	6	226	36	90	25
Other Tumours ..	36	29	366	225	116	62
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases ..	185	80	1,996	677	637	271
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	22	21	155	146	52	59
Nervous System and Sense Organs ..	374	150	3,294	1,342	1,103	464
Circulatory System ..	316	70	3,268	542	1,145	209
Respiratory System ..	357	77	3,799	867	936	265
Digestive System ..	992	237	8,247	2,178	2,009	522
Genito-urinary System ..	163	135	1,419	1,115	429	323
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	113	-	1,115	-	388
Skin and Cellular Tissues ..	201	41	1,638	389	415	105
Bones and Organs of Movement ..	87	38	969	338	285	115
Other Diseases (Including Ill-defined conditions) ..	72	33	702	278	184	96
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	423	46	3,994	454	1,484	175
Other Injuries, etc. ..	374	50	3,513	407	798	109
Surgical Amputations ..	16	-	133	9	60	4
Other (including not stated) ..	16	9	202	73	63	26
TOTAL:	3,880	1,216	36,296	10,991	10,501	3,504

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 25th March, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 25TH MARCH, 1950.
AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	780	25	805
Other Primary Production ..	199	1	200
Coal Mining ..	216	1	217
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	139	4	143
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	1,477	140	1,617
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	491	33	524
Textiles and Articles of Dress ..	435	655	1,090
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	663	165	828
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	478	15	493
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	1,052	208	1,260
Building and Construction ..	1,767	11	1,778
Transport and Communication ..	956	96	1,052
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	971	593	1,564
Finance and Property ..	51	52	103
Public Administration and Professional ..	297	613	910
Personal and Domestic Service ..	501	885	1,386
Other ..	28	7	35
TOTAL:	10,501	3,504	14,005

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the nine months ended March, 1950 and those current at 25th March, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the nine months ended March, 1950				On Benefit at 25th March, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	8,242	3,216	5,157	1,190	2,074	851	1,540	353
Victoria	5,489	2,183	2,678	708	2,747	1,162	868	211
Queensland	2,866	926	3,034	573	683	217	695	149
South Australia (c)	3,224	892	556	84	689	254	161	28
Western Australia	2,215	645	1,031	173	471	137	205	44
Tasmania	892	207	912	194	123	48	245	50
<u>TOTAL:</u>	22,928	8,069	13,368	2,922	6,787	2,669	3,714	835

- (a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the nine months ended March, 1950, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED -

NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1950.

STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percent- age Re- jects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	135,687	8,613	20,280	2,475	2,442	230	158,409	11,318	7.14
Vic.	1,244	479	13,179	2,121	842	281	15,265	2,881	18.88
Qld.	24,753	6,005	8,731	1,332	752	226	34,236	7,563	22.10
S.A. (b)	12,463	5,966	5,491	735	443	66	18,397	6,767	36.78
W.A.	7,669	1,850	4,859	795	240	69	12,768	2,714	21.26
Tas.	183	60	2,461	256	137	41	2,781	357	12.84
<u>TOTAL:</u>	181,999	22,973	55,001	7,714	4,856	913	241,856	31,600	13.07

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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